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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Gerald G. Leffers, Jr.
Group : 1636
Applicants : Francis P. Tally et al.
Application No. : 09/227,687
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For : METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING VALIDATED TARGET
AND ASSAY COMBINATIONS FOR DRUG
DEVELOPMENT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants submit the following amendments in connection with a Request for Continued Prosecution filed herewith pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.114. This preliminary amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 25, 2003 (Paper No. 27) and the Advisory Action mailed September 24, 2003.

Kindly amend the application as follows: